

Since 1996, Ms. Myers has presented programs on democracy in Prague, Cracow, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Johannesburg, Kigali, and Nairobi and in cities throughout the U.S. In addition she has organized and moderated symposia on culture and public policy for academic institutions and cultural organizations including Lehigh University, the Anderson Ranch Arts Center, the New School for Social Research, and the Education Department of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She is a co-executive producer of *The Courage to Care*, a documentary film about rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust, nominated for an Academy Award in 1986.

Ms. Myers has consulted with Radio Free Europe; Connecticut College; the municipality of Scottsdale, AZ; the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities; the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History; Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Aspen, CO; and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL.

Ms. Myers has a stellar record of community involvement. Myers is past chair of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, past President of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and founding President of Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania and the State Arts Advocacy League of America. She is former chair of ArtTable, Inc., Washington Chapter, a former member of the Public Education Committee of the American Bar Association, and served on the Board of Directors of the Centre for Creative Communities in the United Kingdom. She has been a member and vice chair of the Board of Trustees at the University of Scranton and a trustee of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

It is an honor to recognize Sondra Myers for her lifetime of service. I am grateful for all she has done to enrich our culture, advance education, and promote civil rights. I extend my sincerest congratulations to her for receiving WVIA's Arts and Culture Award.

#### HONORING ZION FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

##### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Zion First Church of God in Christ located in Oakland, California upon its 100th anniversary as a strong religious pillar in the East Bay Community.

After moving to California from Louisiana, Zion First Church of God in Christ was founded in 1916 by Samuel Harrison and was the first Church of God in Christ in Northern California. It was created with the vision to expand the ministry and establish a legacy of spirituality through faith.

Under the leadership of Pastor Harrison, the church thrived and soon needed a building to accommodate its growing membership. In 1921, the church purchased its first building in West Oakland and became a strong faith center for the West Oakland community. During the 1940's, as African Americans migrated to the West for industrial jobs, many families settled in West Oakland. Worship services immediately grew and were so inspirational it was said that people would hang out of their win-

dows to see what was going on in the services.

On January 25, 1977 Pastor Willie E. Pearls was ushered in as the second leader of Zion First Church of God in Christ. Pastor Pearls had moved to California.

In 1978, Zion First upgraded its building to make room for its growing membership. Pastor Pearls moved to California in 1952 and joined Zion First, serving for many years as a youth leader, Deacon, and a special helper to Overseer Harrison before accepting the role as senior pastor.

Pastor Pearls carried on the original vision of the church, helping the community, by giving away food, clothing the homeless, and serving hot breakfast every Sunday to the community.

In 2003, after 33 years of service, Pastor Pearls stepped down and the church elected Pastor Rickie L. Williams. Under his leadership, the church has continued to faithfully serve the West Oakland community through various outreach programs. Although the church was ravaged by fire in September 2013, the congregation banded together and rebuilt the church on the same property to continue its ministry in the West Oakland community.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Zion First Church of God in Christ on the celebration of its 100th year of worship. I wish Zion First Church of God in Christ many more years of authentic and compassionate service.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF HARRY ARMSTRONG ON THE CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harry Armstrong for his 46 years of service as a member on the Clovis City Council. Mr. Armstrong's tireless work on behalf of the city of Clovis has left a lasting mark on the community.

Mr. Armstrong was born and raised in Merced, California. After graduating from Merced Union High School, he joined the United States Military and served in the Korean War. He is the proud father of three children, Tom, Jim, and Megan.

Upon completing his military service, Mr. Armstrong worked as the Transportation Manager for Foster Farms Dairy until he was appointed to the Clovis Planning Commission in 1966. After serving on the Commission, he decided to run for the Clovis City Council in 1970 and went on to win that election, along with the next 12 City Council elections. This makes him the longest tenured elected official in California state history. During his time on City Council, Mr. Armstrong served as the Mayor of Clovis five times.

Mr. Armstrong has been credited with many projects that have taken place in the City of Clovis. He was involved with the city's Research and Technology Park, Clovis Community Medical Center, Old Town Clovis, Clovis Police and Fire Department's headquarters, the city's civic center, and Highway 168. Mr.

Armstrong has devoted his life to ensure the improvement and success of the city in a way that the city could never repay him.

In addition to his service on the City Council, Mr. Armstrong sat on numerous boards and commissions in the Valley and state. These include the Fresno County Water Advisory Board, the Fresno County Transportation Authority, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the League of California Cities as the South San Joaquin Valley Division Director, the City Undergrounding Committee, the Fresno Visitors and Convention Bureau representative, and the president of the League of California Cities from 1982–1983. Mr. Armstrong has also been a member of the Clovis Rodeo Association, the D.A.R.E. Board, United Way, and a former Boy Scouts and Explorer Post leader.

Mr. Armstrong has been recognized for his many contributions to the cities of Fresno and Clovis. Some of these awards were the League of California Cities' Award for Service and Contributions to the Board of Directors, the 2015 Fresno Council of Governments Regional Forum: Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence, Leadership & Commitment, and the Rose Ann Vuich Ethical Leadership Award; as well as being inducted into the Clovis Hall of Fame in 2010, and being named the Grand Marshal of the Clovis Rodeo Association in 2015.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Harry Armstrong's service as a Clovis City Council Member. His lifelong devotion to the community is evident in his work as a public servant.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 575, I would like to be recorded as voting Yea. On Roll Call 576, I would like to be recorded as voting Yea.

#### ANTI-SPOOFING ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2669, the "Anti-Spoofing Act of 2016," which amends the Communications Act of 1934, to make it unlawful to cause a caller identification service to knowingly transmit inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to: defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

Spoofing is a practice in which a phone number shown on a phone or caller identification device deliberately is falsified.

Spoofing is a commonly used tool for a number of illegal practices, including "phishing" for personal information and "swatting"—calling in a fictitious crime in progress in order to generate a police response.

The Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009 prohibits spoofing of voice caller identification information; however, as communications methods

and consumer habits continue to evolve, so do the attempts by third parties to gain personal information for criminal use.

The Subcommittee on Communications and Technology considered H.R. 2669 during a markup on September 13, 2016, passing the legislation by voice vote and the Subcommittee agreed to continue working on technical changes before it was brought before the full Committee.

The Committee expects to consider an AINS aimed at making those technical changes to the definition of a text message.

Many Americans now rely on text messaging to stay connected.

According to CTIA, in 2015, Americans sent over 156 billion text messages per month.

H.R. 2669, the Anti-Spoofing Act, will extend the provisions of the Truth in Caller ID Act to include text messaging and text messaging services.

The legislation adds a definition of "spoofing service" to the statute, addressing the growth of services that allows a user to knowingly transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information.

In addition, it extends the prohibitions to any person or service placing an international call to a recipient within the United States.

Additionally, H.R. 2669 will revise the definitions of "caller identification information" and "caller identification service" to include text messages sent using a text messaging service.

It defines "text message" as real-time messages consisting of text, images, sounds, or other information transmitted from or received by a device identified by a telephone number.

It also includes in the definition both, real-time and two-way voice or video communications, addressing the emerging law enforcement issue of "swatting" by which people can purposefully misdirect valuable, police efforts and resources.

This bill takes the right approach targeting behavior, while protecting innovations that are important to the digital economy.

As the ranking member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, I understand the vital need to safeguard against caller identification spoofing.

For example, Women's Abuse Shelters and law enforcement officers working undercover have a need to protect their clients' identities.

This bill seeks to target those who have the intent to cause harm or commit a crime.

I support this legislation because it protects the consumer from criminal behavior, while protecting our fundamental right to privacy.

**RECOGNIZING SANOFI PASTEUR AS THE COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL COLLEGE'S 2016 SCHOLARSHIP GALA WELLBEING HONOREE**

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sanofi Pasteur as The Commonwealth Medical College's 2016 Scholarship Gala Wellbeing Honoree. Each year The Commonwealth Medical College honors an outstanding individual or group for advancing

the wellbeing of citizens within their community, across the state of Pennsylvania, and around the globe. Sanofi Pasteur's work to create vaccines that protect lives against preventable diseases embodies the true spirit of this award, and I commend their continued efforts to be a worldwide leader in human health.

Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccine division of Sanofi, a global healthcare leader focused on patients' needs, is the largest company in the world that is entirely dedicated to the production and distribution of vaccines. Providing more than 1 billion doses of vaccines each year, Sanofi Pasteur is able to help protect against 21 infectious diseases and immunize more than 500 million people around the globe.

Many of my constituents work at Sanofi Pasteur's U.S. headquarters in Swiftwater, PA, and each and every day they are the ones that strive to create a world where no one suffers or dies from vaccine-preventable diseases. Sanofi Pasteur's impact in Northeastern Pennsylvania goes beyond simply employing 2,500 of the region's most dedicated workers, they also have a strong focus on community engagement. Whether investing more than \$1 billion in the region or partnering with VaxServe in the greater Scranton area to donate more than \$870,000 to local nonprofits, the company has consistently exemplified the positive impact that a private entity can have on a region's economy and citizens.

Mr. Speaker, as The Commonwealth Medical College's 2016 Scholarship Gala Wellbeing Honoree, Sanofi Pasteur continues to promote the welfare of individuals in my district, across our state, and around the globe. I commend Sanofi Pasteur for their efforts to combat preventable diseases through accessible vaccinations, and am grateful that a company exists in Northeastern Pennsylvania that is truly committed to its employees and community.

**HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Pacific School of Religion. Founded in 1866, the Pacific School of Religion, formerly known as the Pacific Theological Seminary, was established to serve as "an institution of the people" and "a child of the churches" by preparing spiritually rooted leaders for faith-based through rigorous scholarship, practical training, and immersive footwork. Firmly cemented in the history of social justice in the United States, the school served as a building block for ongoing service including pastoral ministry, non-profit and civic leadership, and public policy.

In 1901, the school moved to its first Berkeley location near the University of California, Berkeley campus. By 1916, because of the school's new nondenominational status and the faculty's growing interest in the importance of the world's religions to the Christian faith, the name was changed to its current name: Pacific School of Religion.

During World War II, former President Arthur C. McGiffert and his colleague John C. Bennett voiced concerns of community members against Japanese internment camps, including the imprisonment of several seminarians. After the war, President McGiffert went on to remedy war-torn communities in both Europe and Asia through the establishment of the Post-War Rehabilitation School at PSR which trained students to minister these communities.

Similarly, the school provided necessary leadership for other intuitions with similar goals to promote education and dialog in underrepresented communities. The school later formed the Graduate Theological Union, a daring experiment in ecumenical cooperation between Protestant and Catholic institutions. This development aimed to bridge Protestant and Catholic Studies and bring forth new fields of study in religion, such as LGBTQ and Gender Studies.

Over the years, the Pacific School of Religion has gathered some of our nation's leading voices of social change and theological writers, including Georgia Harkness who later became the first tenured woman professor at the school in the 1950's. Today, graduates are well recognized in their respective fields and are a leading force in promoting social justice and compassion based-practices around the world. Their leadership and commitment to theology and religious studies have been critical starting points to cultivating positive change throughout our nation.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Pacific School of Religion on this important milestone. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to its success over the years. I wish the faculty, students, and administration continued success in the years to come.

**HONORING JUSTIN SCHROEPFER, RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN**

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2016*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Justin Schroeffer of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. His life was tragically cut short, but he will always be remembered as a courageous, Good Samaritan who put the well-being of two people he did not know ahead of himself.

On June 11, 2016, Justin spotted two women struggling against Lake Superior's strong current. He swam through the frigid water in an attempt to save their lives. One woman made it back to shore, but tragically, both Justin and the other woman succumbed to the unpredictable waters.

A graduate of Antigo High School, Mr. Schroeffer was recruited to play baseball at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He transferred to Northern Michigan University in Marquette after two years and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. With his degree, Mr. Schroeffer pursued a career at Wipfli CPAs and Consultants in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Along with his talents on the baseball field, Mr. Schroeffer was also an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fly-fishing, downhill skiing, and